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THE SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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Santa Barbara Harbor Honored With Clean Marina Certification

By: Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

In 2002, City Council adopted a Clean Marina Program, creating a comprehensive framework that keeps pace with environmental awareness, regulatory requirements and technological opportunity. The Program's goal is to achieve and maintain a clean harbor environment for people, aquatic life and seabirds.

The program includes six elements:

1. Facilities for Boaters
2. Water Quality Monitoring
3. Best Management Practices
4. Pollution Prevention and Abatement
5. Education
6. Compliance and Enforcement

In recent years, efforts have been undertaken to establish statewide standards for Clean Marina operations to help enforce federal Clean Water Act requirements for minimizing harbor pollution. As a result, the marina industry, with support from the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Boating and Waterways and the University of California's Sea Grant Extension Program, established a Clean Marinas California Program in 2004.

The stated goal of the Clean Marinas California Program is to encourage California marinas—public and private—to use Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent or reduce pollution in coastal waters. An incentive for marinas to participate in the program is certification as a "California Clean Marina." To be certified, a marina must pass inspection by an independent, impartial team trained to review facilities, programs, practices and accommodations intended to protect coastal water quality.

Clean Marinas California Program inspectors reviewed Santa Barbara Harbor operations on July 17, 2006. The inspection included a "score sheet" review of 11 subject areas. The Waterfront Department passed with a 96% score, and proudly became the 42nd marina in California to be certified, and one of only a handful of compara-

bly sized public marinas (such as Oceanside and Long Beach) to earn this distinction. Deficient areas included labeling of storm drains ("No Dumping") and recycling for zinc anodes. Both have been accomplished (see related story on zincs).

Department staff wishes to thank local boaters for their contribution toward earning this recognition and toward keeping Santa Barbara Harbor on the cutting edge of environmental practices.

Zinc Reclamation Center

Looking for a place other than the trash (worse yet, the seafloor) to dispose of zinc anodes used to prevent corrosion on your boat? Well, Harbor Marine Works, now an authorized "Zinc Reclamation Center," offers a drop station for used zincs that are ultimately recycled. Call 965-0887 or visit Harbor Marine Works to learn more about disposing of your tired zincs.



December Boat Parade

"21 – Coming of Age" is the theme for the Parade of Lights' 21st anniversary on Sunday, December 10th. Bring a camera and visit Santa's Village on the City Pier at 3 p.m. for a photo of Santa, elves and carolers, plus children playing in 12 tons of snow. The Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. A fireworks display will conclude the Parade, followed by an awards party for participants at The Endless Summer bar-café. Registration forms for boaters wishing to participate in the 21st annual Parade of Lights are available at the Harbormaster's Office.

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Business Office: (805) 564-5531

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. to noon
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Harbor Patrol: (805) 564-5530

Parking: (805) 564-5523

Info Line: (805) 897-2683

Fax: (805) 560-7580



Harbor and Seafood Festival Heralds Autumn at the Waterfront

By: Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Throughout the Harbor, the sights, sounds and aroma of the 5th annual Harbor and Seafood Festival punctured the air of a cloudless autumn day. About 8,000 folks from Santa Barbara to San Diego to San Francisco swarmed the Waterfront on October 14th, enjoying what is arguably the most unique harbor festival in the state.

A dozen cooking pots boiled with fresh lobster and crab. A smoky swirl of oak, marinade sauce and cooking fish drifted skyward from an albacore barbeque, where 600 pounds of the tasty tuna were prepared for hungry festival-goers. Clam chowder, oysters, shrimp cocktails, cooking demonstrations—almost nowhere could you turn without bumping headlong into a bounty of seafood, much of it from our local waters. Everywhere you looked, people were sitting at tables, on benches, on curbs, eating platefuls of steaming hot seafood.

Then there were the bands, the vendors, the Maritime Museum tours, the free boat rides, the yacht displays, the Harbor Patrol Boat tours—something for everybody. By all accounts, the 5th annual Harbor and Seafood Festival was the best yet, thanks in great part to the volunteer work of the Maritime Museum, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, commercial fishermen and Page Youth Center (the event's beneficiary).

So make sure to circle October 13, 2007, the date of the 6th annual Harbor and Seafood Festival. This celebration is so unique and "local" in flavor you will talk about it for years.

Dock Box Care

By: Don Dwyer, Harbor Maintenance Supervisor

Every year we lose several dock box lids due to high winds generated during the winter period. Replacement lids for some of our dock boxes are no longer available. During the summer while replacement boxes are being installed, we salvage as many parts as possible but even then our inventory is limited. If you do not use a lock to secure your dock box lids, please take the time to install any type of clevis clip or even a piece of wire through the lock hole. This will keep your lid from lifting during windy times and ensure that the contents of your dock box are protected from the weather.

Surf, Sand, and Dredging—

By: Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Winter is here and so are the world-renowned waves at the Sandspit. As mid-Pacific storms move south, they generate powerful waves that push into the Santa Barbara Channel, creating great rides and moving a lot of sand in the process.

Although not apparent to the naked eye, these waves push tremendous amounts of sand into Santa Barbara Harbor—so much sand that in an average year, you could cover 6 football fields with 30' of it. The tip of the breakwater is the end of the ride for surfers and the sand. Once the sand settles in the Harbor, dredging is required to move it downcoast out of the "wave shadow" of the Harbor where more waves can push the sand on its journey to the Mugu submarine canyon, nourishing beaches as it goes.

The Army Corps of Engineers dredging contractor, AIS, recently started the fall dredging cycle and will continue through the middle of December. The spring dredging cycle is scheduled to begin at the end of February. Always exercise caution when navigating near the dredge. Beware of floating pipes, buoys, mooring lines, etc. and contact the Harbor Patrol on VHF Channel 16 if you witness or experience any problems.

All dredge deposits consist of sand and are discharged on East Beach opposite the Doubletree Resort. The discharge site is far enough downcoast that it lies beyond the wave shadow created by the Harbor. Although a small percentage (7%) of the sand gets pushed back into the Harbor, most is transported further downcoast by winter waves.

It's hard to believe but the battle-scarred 50-year-old dredge La Encina and Sandspit's beautiful waves have one thing in common—they move lots of sand.



HALLOWEEN UNDARIA REMOVAL

By: Mick Kronman,
Harbor Operations Manager

On Halloween day, 10 volunteers from NOAA, Cal Fish and Game and Santa Barbara ChannelKeeper partnered with Waterfront staff to remove the alien plant *Undaria pinnatifida* (Japanese kelp) from docks, pilings and boats in Marina 4.

This was the third "management" attempt to limit incursion of *Undaria* into the harbor, following removal events in 2002 and 2003. The October 31st effort, based on late-summer surveys indicating a proliferation of the plant in the harbor, resulted in removal of 77 pounds of *Undaria*. Many of the plants appeared to be near the end of their life cycle, though some were young, immature plants. After consulting with *Undaria* experts at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, staff plans to wait until next March, then attempt to remove all juvenile plants throughout the harbor before they reach their reproductive stage in early summer. As always, these efforts are not meant to eradicate this invasive weed, which has shown up in several California harbors and can supplant other native algae in the marine environment. The intent is to manage it at its source—in the harbors themselves, since pilings, moorings, docks and berthed boats whose bottoms are not well maintained appear to be stable growing environments for *Undaria*, and, in some cases, vectors for spreading it.



Operable or Not? Does Your Boat Meet the Standard?

By: Captain Steve McCullough,
Harbor Patrol Supervisor

All vessels in the Santa Barbara Harbor District (city limits) must be operable, defined as: "A vessel's ability to maneuver safely under its own power from any place in the Harbor District to the open waters of the Pacific Ocean and back to its point of origin."

This definition contains three key elements:

- **Maneuver safely.** A vessel's ability to maneuver safely depends on its ability to steer, propel, stop, avoid collisions and maintain an unobstructed view for a proper look-out from the location at which the boat is steered. Modifications from a vessel's manufactured design, plus size, weight and type of vessel can affect its ability to maneuver safely.
- **Under its own power** refers to a vessel's ability to sail or motor without assistance.
- **The open waters of the Pacific Ocean** refers to sea state (swell, current, surge, etc.) and weather (wind, rain, fog, etc.) conditions on a given day or night in waters beyond protection of a headland, breakwater or other natural or manmade structure.

When a vessel in the Harbor or in City waters outside the Harbor (i.e. Mooring or Anchoring areas) does not appear operable, Harbor Patrol notifies its owner and requests a demonstration of operability. If the vessel's owner cannot demonstrate operability within 15 days, they risk termination of their slip or mooring permit, plus vessel removal. Vessels in anchorage areas east of Stearns Wharf must be continuously maintained in an operable condition or their owners will be cited.

Harbor Patrol has mailed 22 letters to individuals whose vessels, berthed in Santa Barbara Harbor, appeared to not meet the operability standard. Eleven of these boats have since been upgraded and passed operability tests. One was so deteriorated that its owner elected to remove it from the harbor and have it destroyed. Another 10 owners are retrofitting their vessels (several are in the boat yard), with operability tests pending.

In addition, nine inoperable and abandoned vessels were removed from anchorage areas east of Stearns Wharf during summer and two citations were issued to owners of inoperable craft. The owner of one boat contested the operability ordinance. The court found the boat owner in violation.

So, if your vessel is not currently in an operable condition, break out the tool kit, tune up your engines and clean the mussels off your propellers, outdrives and rudders. In the end, application of operability standards will help ensure that Santa Barbara waters remain home to boats that can and do actually go to sea.

OCTOBER 26th HARBOR WATCH MEETING

On October 26th, Harbor Patrol Officer Rick Hubbard and his invited guest, Rich Hanna, Aquatics Supervisor with the Parks and Recreation Department, hosted a Harbor Watch meeting designed to train and certify boaters in First Aid. Fifteen local boaters attended and all were certified. This Harbor Watch meeting followed in the tradition of hands-on training opportunities provided by Harbor Patrol and its guests. At the previous Harbor Watch meeting, boaters were trained in the use of fire extinguishers and dockside fire hoses. The Department urges boaters to attend these educational and helpful meetings. Look for notices on the marina gates for the next Harbor Watch meeting.



New Patrol Officer Joins the Department

Ryan Kelly has joined the Waterfront Department as Harbor Patrol Officer, replacing Bob Brandenburg, who recently retired and relocated to Eugene, Oregon. Ryan served as an Officer with Channel Islands Harbor Patrol before joining our team. Prior to that, Ryan worked as a Crewman for Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol. Ryan is a certified lifeguard and Emergency Medical Technician. He holds a USCG Master's License with a commercial towing endorsement and has completed training in Marine Firefighting, Rescue Boat Operations and Boating Under the Influence Enforcement.

Outside of work, Ryan spends most of his time with his wife and two young sons. He is a second generation Goletan who enjoys hiking, swimming and most all outdoor activities.

Ryan brings with him a professional attitude and matchless enthusiasm for public service and boating safety. Please join the Department in welcoming him to the Waterfront.

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2007 ANNUAL WATERFRONT PARKING PERMITS

FEATURING A CLASSIC
WOODY VAN DESIGN

By: *Diana Palmer,*
Waterfront Parking Supervisor

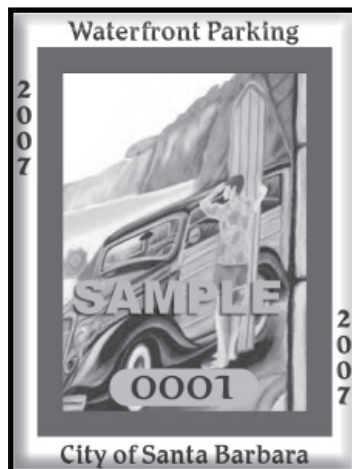
Annual Waterfront Parking Permits go on sale December 1st and are valid from the day of purchase through December 31, 2007.

Available to the public and harbor slip permittees, annual parking permits make parking at the waterfront convenient and economical. General Permits may be purchased for \$95 and Slipholder Permits for \$70 (one per slip permit only).

We've made purchasing your annual parking permit easy as ever: General Permits are available at any Waterfront Parking Kiosk (except Stearns Wharf). Slipholder Permits are available only at the Harbor Patrol Office.

Parking kiosk attendants will accept cash or local checks with ID, and the Harbor Patrol Office also accepts Visa or MasterCard.

For more information, call Waterfront Parking at 897-1965 or 564-5523.



2006 SAFETY FAIR

The 5th annual Safety Fair, organized by the City Fire Department, was held on October 29th, in De La Guerra Plaza. It was scheduled in conjunction with several other downtown events including the Children's Halloween Parade and the Downtown Organization's "Safe Trick or Treating" Program. Harbor Patrol Officers Monica Broumand and Ryan Kelly distributed boating safety literature as well as treats for kids including candy, Harbor Patrol stickers and tattoos, and water safety coloring books (the free whistles were a big hit). There were plenty of questions and interest in the photo display of Harbor Patrol activities. Kids and their parents visited numerous tables staffed by agencies such as Fire, Police, Sheriff, and Park Rangers, as well as the California Highway Patrol, American Red Cross, and Equine Rescue. If you missed it this year, be sure to catch it next year!

Harbor Commission Dates:

January:	1/18/2007
February:	2/15/2007
March:	3/15/2007

Harbor Commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers